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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT-ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Signed by: Madonna Schroeder

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's office action dated 11/07/2007, Applicants provisionally elect the species described by claim 1: An article comprising an adhesive layer with a first major surface and a second major surface, wherein at least one of the first and second major surfaces is a structured surface;

and a backing laminated to the structured surface(s) of the adhesive layer, wherein the exposed surface of the backing is non-structured;

wherein the article comprises discrete reservoirs between the structured surface of the adhesive layer and the backing, and

wherein the article has a non-structured exposed adhesive surface that can be adhered to a target substrate.

The claims which read on the elected species include: 3-8, 10-17, 19-22, 28-35 and 56-60. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-17, 19-22, 28-35 and 56-60 are generic to the elected species.

The requirement for election of species is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. It is felt that a search of the classes appropriate to the elected species and claims 1, 3-8, 10-17, 19-22, 28-35 and 56-60 would include the Patent Office classes in which the non-elected species and claims 53 and 55 would be searched, as each claim group requires.

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

11/19/07
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